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Expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in honor of Daniel “Chappie” James, the Nation’s first African-American four-star general.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 13, 2003

Ms. LANDRIEU submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in honor of Daniel “Chappie” James, the Nation’s first African-American four-star general.

Whereas General Daniel “Chappie” James was a dedicated patriot fighting to defend the United States against foreign enemies while breaching the walls of segregation that existed at the time within the United States Armed Forces;

Whereas General James learned to fly while attending the Tuskegee Institute in Tuskegee, Alabama;

Whereas General James was commissioned in the United States Army Air Corps in January 1943;

Whereas General James was a member and trainer of the famed Tuskegee Airmen, the all-black fighter squadron that successfully executed over 200 dangerous missions escorting American bombers over Europe in World War II without losing a single bomber;

Whereas General James bravely flew 101 combat missions over Korea;

Whereas General James courageously and valiantly flew 78 missions into North Vietnam, including leading the Bolo MiG sweep which destroyed seven North Vietnamese MiG-21s, the highest total kill of any one Air Force mission during the Vietnam War;

Whereas General James, as a brigadier general, was named Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs in 1970;

Whereas General James was promoted to the rank of General and Commander-in-Chief of the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) in 1975 to become the first African-American four-star general in any of the United States Armed Forces; and

Whereas the issuance of a postage stamp recognizing General James' service and commitment to the United States as well as equality for all Americans will broaden the Nation's knowledge of his achievements and those of the Tuskegee Airmen, his contributions toward destroying racial divisions, and his status as a role model for Americans of all ethnic and racial backgrounds: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
 2 *concurring), That—*

1 (1) it is the sense of Congress that a postage
2 stamp should be issued by the United States Postal
3 Service in honor of General Daniel “Chappie”
4 James; and

5 (2) Congress directs the Secretary of the Sen-
6 ate to transmit a copy of this concurrent resolution
7 to the Postmaster General and the Citizens’ Stamp
8 Advisory Committee.

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